

Introduced by Senator Evans

February 18, 2011

An act to amend Sections 5821 and 5826 of the Public Resources Code, relating to parks.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 685, as introduced, Evans. Parks: Mendocino Woodlands Outdoor Center

The Mendocino Woodlands Outdoor Center Act requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to administer as a unit of the state park system the Mendocino Woodlands Outdoor Center. The act finds that the location and facilities of the center are well suited to serve as an outdoor education center.

This bill would also include in these findings that the natural resources of the center make it well suited to serve as an outdoor education center.

The act requires the department to consult with the Department of Education and authorizes the department to cooperate with any individuals or agencies that have jurisdiction or expertise in matters pertaining to outdoor education.

The bill would also authorize the department to cooperate with the Department of Education on matters pertaining to outdoor education.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 5821 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:

1 5821. The Legislature finds that there is need for a program to
2 enable the children of the state to better comprehend the outdoors,
3 particularly the social and economic importance of the study,
4 conservation, protection, and utilization of natural resources. The
5 Legislature further finds that the ~~location~~ *locale, natural resources*,
6 and facilities of the Mendocino Woodlands Outdoor Center are
7 especially well suited to serve primarily as an outdoor education
8 center under the control and management of the Department of
9 Parks and Recreation, as a unit of the state park system.

10 SEC. 2. Section 5826 of the Public Resources Code is amended
11 to read:

12 5826. The department shall consult with the Department of
13 Education, and may cooperate with *the Department of Education*,
14 individuals, and agencies having jurisdiction or expertise in matters
15 pertaining to the outdoor education programs contemplated in this
16 chapter.